

Dove and King Mouse

Instructive Stories from teachings of

Pancha-Tantra



*One day a group of pigeons were flying
above a jungle in search of some food.*



They saw grains on the ground and all of them came down and started eating the grains.

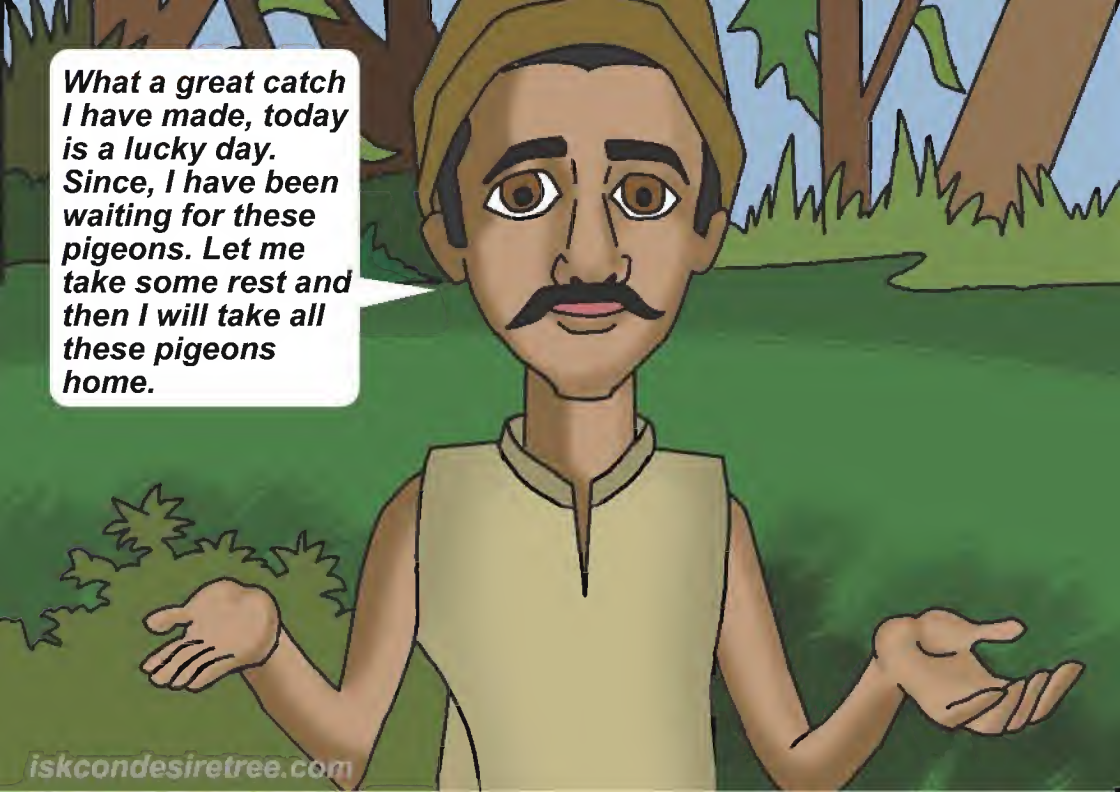


While the pigeons were busy eating the grains, a hunter threw a big net on them.



The pigeons were all caught up in the net.





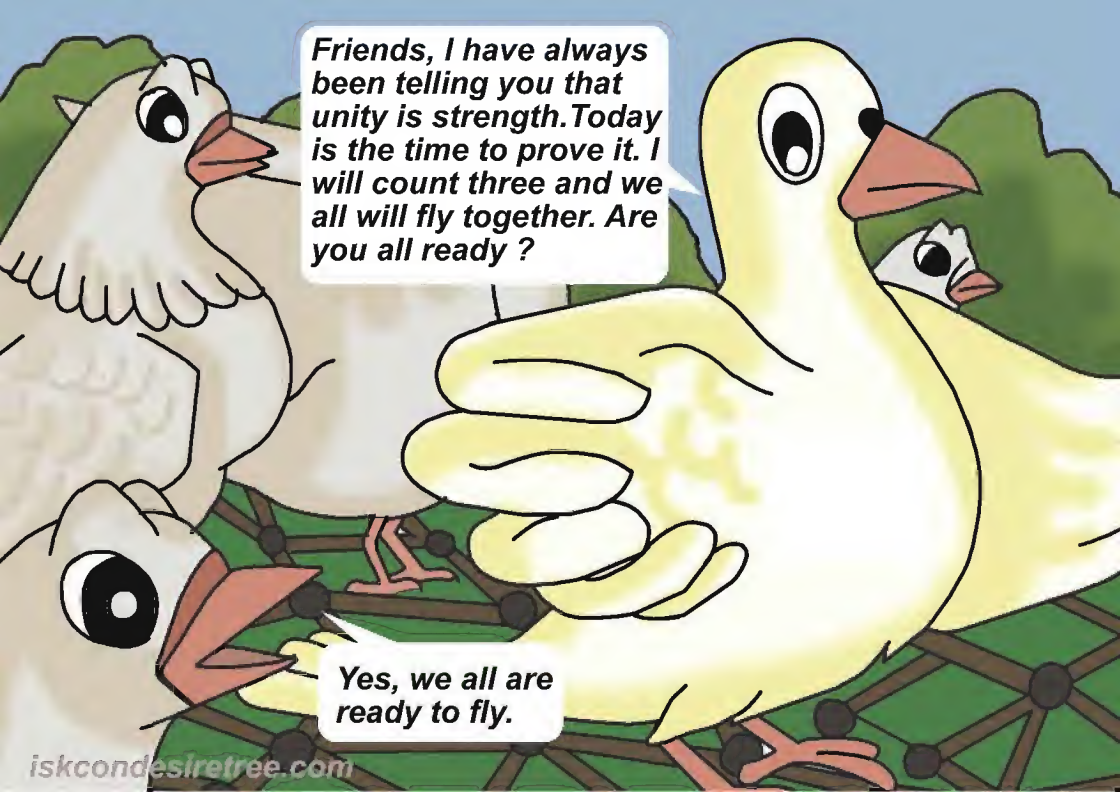
*What a great catch
I have made, today
is a lucky day.
Since, I have been
waiting for these
pigeons. Let me
take some rest and
then I will take all
these pigeons
home.*

Thinking like this, hunter goes off to sleep.



Oh! King of pigeons, tell us
how can we free ourselves
out of this net ?





Friends, I have always been telling you that unity is strength. Today is the time to prove it. I will count three and we all will fly together. Are you all ready ?

Yes, we all are ready to fly.

As soon as the King pigeon counted three, all the pigeons put their full strength and flew together taking the hunter's net along with them.



*On hearing the flapping
sound of the pigeons, the
hunter woke up and started
running behind them but
there was of no use to him.*





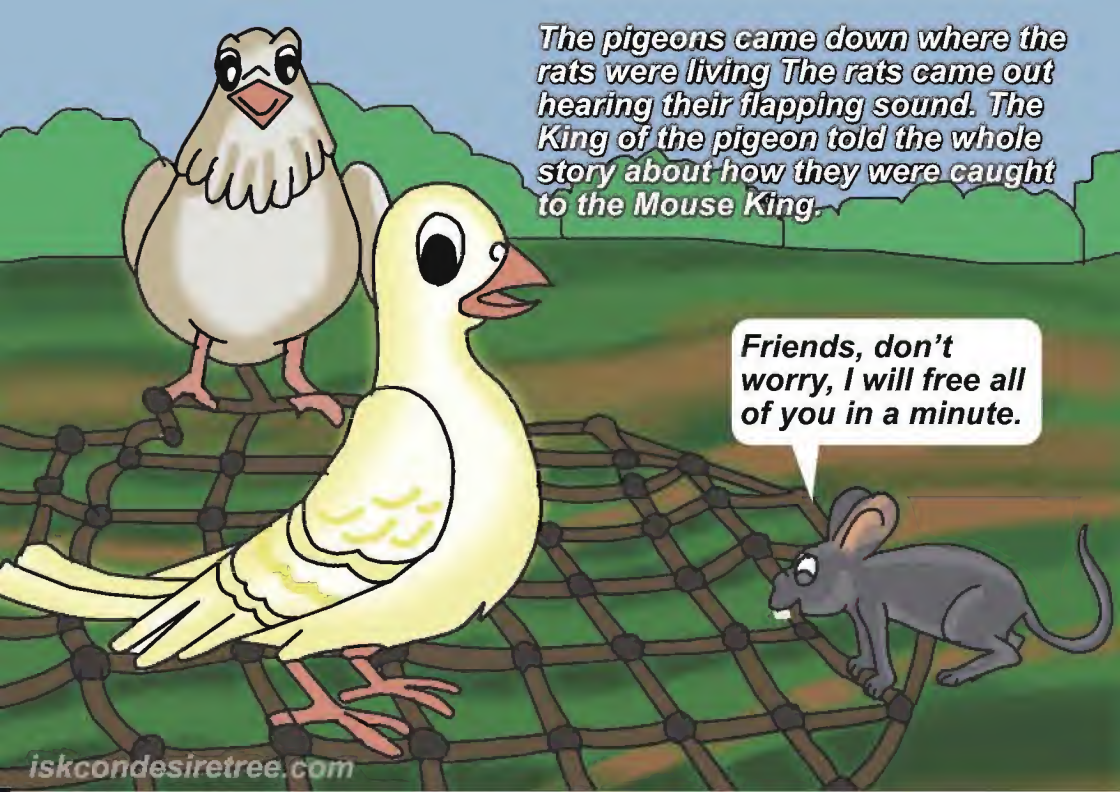
**Oh! The pigeons
are gone and I
lost my net also.**

The Pigeons flew high in the sky passing through different places.



They came near a village and saw many rats moving there.



A cartoon illustration showing two pigeons and a mouse. One pigeon is brown and the other is yellow. They are both standing on a brown, diamond-shaped mesh net. A grey mouse is also on the net, looking up at the pigeons. The background consists of green bushes and a light blue sky.

The pigeons came down where the rats were living. The rats came out hearing their flapping sound. The King of the pigeon told the whole story about how they were caught to the Mouse King.

Friends, don't worry, I will free all of you in a minute.

The king mouse moved around the whole net and cut it with his sharp teeth setting the pigeons free.



The freed pigeons flew in the sky happily.



MORAL : *Unity is strength.*